

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A brace assembly is provided to hold a panel against a windowed building component to prevent property damage during a severe storm. The brace assembly includes a bar having a first end portion and a second end portion, wherein the first end portion includes a plate having a threaded hole therein. The brace assembly further includes a threaded rod that is fastened to the threaded hole at one end and includes a foot plate at a second end. A turn handle extends through the threaded rod for facilitating rotation of the threaded rod. When the brace assembly is placed against a panel extending across a windowed building component, rotation of the threaded rod forces the foot plate and bar against opposing frame walls, thereby holding the panel in place.